

# MEDIA ALERT

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## **Officers from Middletown Police Department and Eastern Connecticut State University Police Department Take off the Badges and Tie on the Aprons at Amici for Special Olympics Connecticut**

**Who:** Officers from Middletown Police Department and Eastern Connecticut State University Police Department have teamed up with Amici to support Special Olympics Connecticut's (SOCT) Tip-a-Cop.

**What: Tip-a-Cop** – Police officers will serve customers at Amici Italian Grill. 100% of the proceeds go to Special Olympics Connecticut.

**Where/When: Thursday, May 28 at Amici, 220 Main Street, Middletown.** The event will **begin at 11:30 AM and end at 9:00 PM.**

**Why:** Come enjoy officers taking orders instead of giving orders all for a very special organization. Visit Amici for lunch or dinner this Thursday to help the officers reach their goal. All of the money raised will support over 13,000 athletes with and without intellectual disabilities who participate in Special Olympics Connecticut programming. Tip-a-Cop fundraisers fall under the Law Enforcement Torch Run program. Don't miss out on this one of a kind experience where the officers serve you!

For more information, visit [www.soct.org/calendar](http://www.soct.org/calendar), email [specialolympicsct@soct.org](mailto:specialolympicsct@soct.org) or call 203-230-1201. And, follow Special Olympics Connecticut on Facebook and Twitter.

### **About the Special Olympics Connecticut Law Enforcement Torch Run®**

The Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics Connecticut is one of the movement's largest grass-roots fundraiser and public awareness vehicles. This year-round program involves law enforcement officers from across the state who volunteer their time to raise awareness and funds through events including Tip-a-Cops, Cop-on-Tops, and Jail N' Bail fundraisers.

In addition, on June 3, 4, and 5, 2015, over 1,500 officers and athletes will carry the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" - as they do every year - through hundreds of cities and towns across the state, covering over 530 miles. The runners will reach Southern Connecticut State University where they'll be part of Opening Ceremonies for the Special Olympics Connecticut Summer Games, to be held June 5-7, 2015.

### **Law Enforcement Torch Run Sponsors:**

Presenting Sponsors: Dream Ride 2015, Whelen Engineering, WWE; Gold Sponsors: Adams Hometown Markets / IGA Hometown Supermarkets, JN Phillips Auto Glass, Papa's Dodge; Silver Sponsor: Bearingstar Insurance Charitable Fund.

### **About Special Olympics Connecticut**

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Special Olympics Connecticut provides year-round sports training and competitions for over 13,000 athletes of all ages with intellectual disabilities and Unified Sports® partners - their teammates without disabilities.

Through the joy of sport, the Special Olympics movement transforms lives and communities throughout the state and in 170 countries around the world by promoting good health and fitness and inspiring inclusion and respect for all people, on and off the playing field. ([www.soct.org](http://www.soct.org))

Partner Sponsors: Adams Hometown Markets/IGA Hometown Supermarkets, Dream Ride, ESPN, Eversource Energy, The Hubbell Foundation, Law Enforcement Torch Run, NBC Connecticut, TD Bank, United Technologies and WWE.

Year-Round Suppliers: Adams Hometown Markets/IGA Hometown Supermarkets, Campus Customs/Cymplify, The Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New England, Connecticut Portable Storage/PODS, Crystal Rock Water and Coffee Company, Dunkin' Donuts, Graebel Moving Services, LLC, Guida's Milk and Ice Cream, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Marcus Communications, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch Community Service and WORX.

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